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This responds to the Reports Analysis Division's letter dated October 31, 2012 concerning Softer Voices' alleged failure to file an October Quarterly Report, covering the period from July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 104.1(b) of the Commission's Regulations, a committee is not required to file reports under 11 CFR 104.5 "unless the committee becomes a political committee under 11 CFR 100.5." According to Section 100.5(a) of the Regulations, "any committee, club, association, or other group of persons which receives contributions aggregating in excess of \$1,000 or which makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year is a political committee." 11 CFR 100.5(a).

During the period cited in your letter, from July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012, and since its Statement of Organization was filed on April 30, Softer Voices has had no receipts or disbursements. Therefore, it does not fall under the definition of "political committee" set out above. Accordingly, it was not required to file an October Quarterly Report with the Commission.
